



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2004
Committee Statement
LB 776

Hearing Date: February 14, 2003

Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Connealy)

Title: Adopt the Main Street Business Development Law and provide a tax credit

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Baker, Bourne, Hartnett, Janssen, Landis, Raikes and Redfield
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Connealy

Proponents:

Senator Matt Connealy
Jon Bailey
Chris Abboud
John K. Hansen
Mark Vasina

Representing:

Introducer
Center for Rural Affairs
Nebraska Grocers Association
Nebraska Farmers Union
Nebraskans for Peace

Opponents:

Philip Mullin

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Representing:

Nebraska Chamber, Omaha Chamber, Lincoln Chamber, NEDA, NE Bankers
Nebraska Realtors Association

Neutral:

None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 776 would have increased the deposit and recapture obligations under the Employment and Investment Growth Act and increased the documentary stamp tax. All LB 775 application fees and recapture amounts, and the new revenue created by the increase in the documentary stamp tax, was to be deposited into a new fund called the Main Street Business Development Fund.

Proceeds in the fund were to be used one-half to restore funding to the value-added grant program and the Microenterprise Partnership Program, and one-half to the General Fund.

The bill would also have enacted a new small business development tax credit equal to 20 percent of the expenses of a qualifying small business. The credit could not have exceeded \$25,000. Qualifying small business meant a new owner-operated business with fewer than 20 employees. The bill would also have repealed outright the termination of the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-added Partnerships Act at the end of this year.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator David Landis, Chairperson